

# City CONNECTION

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Meet this week's featured employee, **Safety Supervisor David Mathews** with Human Resources. View his "On the Job" video at [phoenix.gov/phxtv/phxtv-media/video/1703](http://phoenix.gov/phxtv/phxtv-media/video/1703).

## September is National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month. Ready.gov and the city's Office of Emergency Management encourage families to take the following steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including natural disasters and terrorists attacks:

- Get an emergency supply kit.
- Develop a family communication plan.
- Learn about the different types of emergencies that may occur and the appropriate responses.

It is especially important that your family have a basic emergency supply kit prepared in the event of a disaster. Your family's kit should include items that address the essential needs of survival - fresh water, food, medication, warm clothes/bedding - and should contain enough supplies to sustain each member of your family for a minimum of three to five days.

Water is a critical component of your emergency supply kit. It is suggested that you maintain a five-day supply of water for each family member. Keep in mind, that since we live in a warm climate, additional water may be necessary to keep properly hydrated. Another critical component is a five-day supply of non-perishable food.

Additional items include a battery or hand-crank radio, a flashlight, a first aid kit, a whistle to signal for assistance, a can opener for canned food, extra batteries, dust masks, personal sanitation items, tools to turn off utilities, local emergency numbers and maps. To sustain use of your cell phones and tablets, consider an instant charger that uses AA batteries to keep wireless technology charged.

If you have family members who take prescription medications, you will want to ensure that the appropriate supply is also included in your kit. Families with infants and very young children will want to include formula, diapers, and extra clothing in their kits.

For more information, visit [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) or call Emergency Management at 602-534-0642.

## Library challenges city employees to sign up for library cards



Phoenix Public Library is challenging every city employee to sign up for a free library card during National Library Card Sign-up Month in September.

Phoenix Public Library offers a full range of services for you and your family. From programs for all ages, to books and DVDs, to a vast offering of ebooks and streaming media, the library has it all. And the best part? You can get a library card without even leaving your seat.

Simply sign up for an "ecard" by going to [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org) and click on "How

to Get a Library Card” under the Helpful Links section. With an ecard, you will have immediate access to thousands of electronic books, magazines and movies! To celebrate The Amazing Library Card, Burton Barr Central Library will host three family events:

- Geek Gala - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5; enjoy dancing, trivia and a costume contest.
- The Science of Superheroes – 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 27; kids can learn about the powers of their favorite superhero.
- Star Wars Reads Day III: Jedi Reading Academy - Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. – noon; families who love reading will be recruited by the “Library Rebel Alliance” to help defeat the Galactic Empire.

For more information, visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).

### **Maryvale Baseball Park to host Mexican Baseball Fiesta**

The Mexican Winter Baseball League’s version of spring training will come to Phoenix Sept. 19 – 21 during the third annual Mexican Baseball Fiesta, presented by Phoenix Sister Cities. Two top Mexican teams will square off against top young talent from the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Milwaukee Brewers instructional league at Maryvale Baseball Park, 3600 N. 51st Ave., the Milwaukee Brewers spring-training home.



Here is the schedule:

- Friday, Sept. 19 - 7:30 p.m. Mexican teams
- Saturday, Sept. 20 - 7 p.m. Mexican teams
- Sunday, Sept. 21 - 5 p.m. Mexican team vs. Milwaukee Brewers Future Stars
- Sunday, Sept. 21 – Following the 5 p.m. game, the other Mexican team will play the Arizona Diamondbacks Future Stars (game 2 of a double-header)

Tickets are \$15 for box seats and \$8 for general admission and can be purchased at [MexicanBaseballFiesta.com](http://MexicanBaseballFiesta.com).

### **NEWS BRIEFS**

**City employees are encouraged to participate in the annual Trip Reduction Survey.** To take the survey, look for the link on the Inside Phoenix home page. Please take a few minutes to complete the online survey by the Sept. 30 deadline. The survey is a critical component of the city's Rideshare Program. By completing the survey, city employees can do their part to help improve the Valley's air quality and traffic congestion. For more information, call Diana Cuspard with Public Works at 602-256-5606 or email [diana.cuspard@phoenix.gov](mailto:diana.cuspard@phoenix.gov).

**Public Works will host a household hazardous waste collection event for Phoenix customers from 7 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 5, and Saturday, Sept. 6, at Maryvale Baseball Park.** You must present a current city of Phoenix services bill showing solid waste fees and matching photo I.D. with the same address. For details about what is acceptable, call 602-262-7251 or visit [phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://phoenix.gov/publicworks).

### **PEOPLE**

**Harold Hunter, David Morgan and Thomas Smith** with Water Services made a big impression on the parents of two children while repairing a leak in front of their north Phoenix home. “I have two very inquisitive kids that were offering advice to your crew while they were here,” the father related in an email to City Manager Ed Zuercher. “Your employees were kind, patient and understanding. They completed their task and cleaned our whole street while explaining the process to my 9- and 13-year-old. Your employees represented the Water Department and the city of Phoenix with exemplary customer service.”

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Monday, Sept. 8** - City Manager’s Future Leaders Forum Lunch Series: “Professionalism in Policy-making.” Presented by Acting City Attorney Daniel Brown, Chief Information Officer Debbie Cotton and Cliff Neal of the City Manager’s Office. Noon - 1 p.m. City Council Chambers. Register on eCHRIS (course code CMLF05).

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